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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" at page 1, please add the following paragraph:

Further reissue divisional applications have been filed, all of which are reissues of Patent No. 5,600,672 and divisional applications of reissue application 09/244,037. These further applications are: 09/677,421, filed October 5, 2000; 09/678,014, filed October 5, 2000; 09/677,420, filed October 5, 2000; 09/680,177, filed October 5, 2000; 09/680,176, filed October 5, 2000; 09/686,467, filed October 12, 2000; 09/686,463, filed October 12, 2000; 09/688,028, filed October 12, 2000; 09/686,464, filed October 12, 2000; 09/686,465, filed October 12, 2000; 09/666,012, filed September 19, 2000; 09/667,525, filed September 21, 2000; 09/667,438, filed September 21, 2000; 09/668,068, filed September 25, 2000; 09/662,695, filed September 15, 2000; 09/669,916, filed September 25, 2000; 09/672,948, filed September 29, 2000; 09/672,946, filed September 29, 2000; and 09/672,947, filed September 29, 2000.